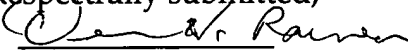


The claims reading on the elected species are claims 1 and 3-7. Claims 1 and 7 are generic and Claims 3-6 add additional features and should remain in the application as appropriate dependent claims.

As this Response is submitted within the shortened statutory period, it is believed that no additional fees are due. In the event that the undersigned is mistaken in his calculations, an appropriate extension of time to respond is most respectfully requested.

In the event the undersigned has miscalculated the fee, or any additional fees or extensions are required, the Commissioner is requested to bill the undersigned attorney of record.

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